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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-28462 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is also enclosed.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 3447062. An English-language abstract of the corresponding document EP0982576 is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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